

# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611



## Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026

10:30 AM

Board Room

### Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Yumeka Brown, Commissioner Cameron Davis, Vice-President Patricia Theresa Flynn, Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia, Commissioner Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Commissioner Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Sharon Waller, President Board of Commissioners Kari K. Steele*

**THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:**

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.*
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.*
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.*

## Call Meeting to Order

President Kari K. Steele presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Precious Brady-Davis; Yumeka Brown; Cameron Davis; Patricia Theresa Flynn; Marcelino Garcia; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda; Sharon Waller; and Kari K. Steele

## Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that the minutes from the last meeting of January 22, 2026 be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

## Public Comments

*Joseph McArthur addressed the Board as direct successor in title to final judgment case number 77L22309*

*Annette Anderson, Friends of the Chicago River Program Manager, addressed the Board regarding agenda item 17*

## Recess and Convene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Yumeka Brown, to recess and convene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

## Committee of the Whole

### Approval of the Committee of the Whole Agenda

President Kari K. Steele called for a motion to accept the agendas for each Standing Committee that was convened. Moved by Yumeka Brown, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn. President Kari K. Steele called for any objections. No objections were voiced. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole meeting of February 5, 2026, was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

## Executive Session

*None*

## Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:05 a.m. President Kari K. Steele reconvened the regular board meeting to order

## Motions, Ordinances and Resolutions

**Memorial Resolution**

- 1 [26-0101](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners celebrating the life of Dr. Cecil Lue Hing

**Adopted**

**Ordinance - Industrial Waste**

- 2 [IW26-001A](#) Request Authority to Amend the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and Procedural Rules Governing All Administrative Proceedings Before Board-Appointed Hearing Officers Brought Pursuant to the Amended Ordinance

**Attachments:** [Board Letter Sewage Waste Control Ordinance-Rules.pdf](#)  
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance clean 1.27.26.pdf](#)  
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance Redline 1.27.26.pdf](#)  
[Sewage Waste Control Ordinance Admin Rules 2026.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that this Industrial Waste Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**Ordinance**

- 3 [O26-001](#) Ordinance O26-001 An Ordinance directing the County Clerk to reduce the levy of taxes on Capital Improvement Bonds for the levy year 2025

**Attachments:** [Ordinance O26-001 BTL 2026-02-05.pdf](#)  
[Ord O26-001.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Precious Brady-Davis, seconded by Patricia Theresa Flynn, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**Resolution**

- 4 [26-0096](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as Black History Month

**Adopted**

- 5 [26-0097](#) RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing February as American Heart Month

**Adopted**

## Finance Committee

### Authorization

- 6 [26-0102](#) Authority to remit Arbitrage Rebate payment of \$543,069.84 to the Internal Revenue Service for Capital Improvement Bonds, Series of December 2021, under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Account 401-11000-430610

**Attachments:** [Arb 2026 att.pdf](#)

**Approved**

## Procurement Committee

### Report

- 7 [26-0069](#) Report of request for proposal (RFP) opening of Friday, January 16, 2026

**Published and Filed**

- 8 [26-0085](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, January 27, 2026

**Published and Filed**

### Authority to Advertise

- 9 [26-0065](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-634-11, Services to Inspect and Repair Cathodic Protection Systems, estimated cost \$650,000.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612600, Requisitions 1640173, 1640174 and 1640175

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-634-11 Revised Affirmative Action Goals Report.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 10 [26-0066](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-361-11 for public tender of bids a 10-year lease on approximately 860 sq. ft. of District real estate located at 100 E. Erie Street in Chicago, Illinois. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$8,600.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-361-11 Aerial View - 860 sq. ft of District real estate located at 100 E. Erie, Chicago](#)

**Approved**

- 11 [26-0068](#) Authority to advertise Contract 26-362-11 for public tender of bids a 10-year lease on approximately 525 sq. ft. of District real estate located at 6001 W. Pershing Road in Cicero, Illinois. The minimum initial annual rental bid shall be established at \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [Contract 26-362-11 Aerial View - 525 sq. ft. of District real estate located at 6001 W. Pershing Rd., Cicero IL](#)

**Approved**

- 12 [26-0070](#) Authority to advertise Contract 25-RFP-20, Procure and Implement a New Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS), estimated cost \$8,000,000.00, Accounts 101-69000-612430/612820, Requisition 1653383

**Attachments:** [Contract 25-RFP-20 Affirmative Action Goals Report](#)

**Approved**

#### Award Contract

- 13 [26-0074](#) Authority to award Contract 23-379-3E, Electrical Power Distribution and Phosphorus Removal Improvements, Kirie Water Reclamation Plant (KWRP), to Sollitt/Broadway Joint Venture, in an amount not to exceed \$25,766,427.00, plus a five (5) percent allowance for change orders in an amount of \$1,288,321.35, for a total amount not to exceed \$27,054,748.35, Accounts 401-50000-645650/645750, Requisition 1642737

**Attachments:** [Contract 23-379-3E Affirmative Action Goals Report and Revised Appendix D and Appendix V Report - SBJV.pdf](#)

**Approved**

#### Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 14 [26-0072](#) Authority to decrease Contract 21-863-2C Master Plan for Salt Creek at Fullersburg Woods, to V3 Construction Group, LTD in a net credit amount of \$162,951.12, from an amount of \$9,476,846.72, to an amount not to exceed \$9,313,895.60, Account 201-50000-612400, Purchase Order No. 4000104

**Attachments:** [Change Order Log - Purchase Order No. 4000104](#)

**Approved**

#### Budget & Employment Committee

##### Authorization

- 15 [26-0099](#) Authorization to execute change orders to decrease purchase orders or carryforward FY2025 encumbrances to FY2026 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [FY2025 Purchase Orders](#)

**Approved**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 16 [26-0073](#) Report on change orders authorized and time extensions from October through December 2025 for Contract 11-187-3F Addison Creek Channel Improvements, SSA

**Attachments:** [Attachment 1 CO Report for 11-187-3F October to December 2025.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 CO Status Report for 11-187-3F October to December 2025 2.pdf](#)

**Published and Filed**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 17 [26-0075](#) Authority to issue a one (1) day permit to Friends of the Chicago River to access District real estate at 25 locations along the North Branch of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Main Channel, and Cal-Sag Channel in Cook County, Illinois for its annual Chicago River Day cleanup event on May 9, 2026. Consideration shall be a nominal fee of \$10.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Friends of Chicago River Clean Up Day Permit 2026 Aerials.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 18 [26-0087](#) Authority to 1) consolidate three existing public recreational leases with the Skokie Park District on approximately 58.4 acres located near the Terrence J. O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant in Skokie, Illinois, into one 50-year lease and 2) add to the consolidated lease approximately 9 acres of District real estate located along the east bank of the North Shore Channel between Howard Street and Oakton Street in Skokie, Illinois, commonly known as NSC Parcels 6.01, 6.06, 6.11, 6.14, and 6.20. Consideration shall be a one-time fee of \$10.00 (*As Revised*)

**Attachments:** [RE - Skokie Recreational Lease Consolidation Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

- 19 [26-0104](#) Authority to issue a 9-month permit to Walsh Vinci Transit Community Partners working on behalf of the Chicago Transit Authority on a 23-acre portion of the District's Calumet Water Reclamation Plant property in Chicago, Illinois for preacquisition and preconstruction activities for the Red Line Extension Project. Consideration shall be a permit fee of \$5,000.00

**Attachments:** [RE - Walsh Vinci for CTA Preconstruction Activities Aerial.pdf](#)

**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 2 and 3**

A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Beth McElroy Kirkwood, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**Miscellaneous and New Business**

**Meeting Summary**

**Speakers**

*None*

**Summary of Requests**

*Procurement Item 13  
Sharon Waller requested the District look into monetizing phosphorus savings associated with the irrigation*

**Study Session**

*None*

**Announcements**

*None*

**Board Letter Submission Dates**

**The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.**

**Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: February 6, 2026**

**Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., February 11, 2026**

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Patricia Theresa Flynn, seconded by Marcelino Garcia, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk**

**Aye:** 8 - Precious Brady-Davis, Cameron Davis, Patricia Theresa Flynn, Marcelino Garcia, Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda, Sharon Waller, Kari K. Steele

**Absent:** 1 - Yumeka Brown

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this February 5, 2026, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kari K. Steele

President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

February 5, 2026